

**BUDGET:** County Grounds Capital

**FINANCE & AUDIT COMMITTEE HEARING DATE:** October 24, 2006

**CASSETTE NO. 21, SIDE A, 01-27**

**STAFF PRESENT:**

**County Board:** Steve Cady  
**Department of Administrative Services:** Steve Agostini  
Pamela Bryant  
**County Executive:** Ed Eberle

***ACTION BY: (Mayo) Approve both County Grounds (WG) budgets as recommended by the County Executive. 7-0***

***AYES:*** McCue, Coggs-Jones, Mayo, Johnson, Broderick, West & Nyklewicz (Chair) – 7

***NOES:*** 0

***EXCUSED:***

*Carol Mueller*

Carol Mueller Committee Clerk  
Committee on Finance and Audit

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**BUDGET:** Department of Health and Human Services Capital

**FINANCE & AUDIT COMMITTEE HEARING DATE:** October 24, 2006

**CASSETTE NO. 21, SIDE A, 28-34**

**SIDE B, 276-297**

**STAFF PRESENT:**

**County Board:** Steve Cady  
**Department of Administrative Services:** Steve Agostini  
Pamela Bryant  
**County Executive:** Ed Eberle

***ACTION BY: (Mayo) Approve the WS016 budget as recommended by the County Executive. 7-0***

***AYES:*** McCue, Coggs-Jones, Mayo, Johnson, Broderick, West & Nyklewicz (Chair) – 7

***NOES:*** 0

***EXCUSED:***

**AMENDMENT BY SUPERVISOR COGGS-JONES**, (1B022) (Copy attached to the original of these minutes.) To amend the County Executive's 2007 Recommended Capital Improvements Budget by providing \$900,200 for WS005, DHHS Marcia P. Coggs Human Services Center, to repave two parking lots for employee and visitor parking and to construct a commercial grade garage to house the Mobile Benefits Vehicle at the Marcia P. Coggs Human Services Center.

Approval of this amendment would increase the County's general obligation bonding by \$900,200.

***ACTION BY: (Coggs-Jones) Approve amendment 1B022 above. 7-0***

***AYES:*** McCue, Coggs-Jones, Mayo, Johnson, Broderick, West & Nyklewicz (Chair) – 7

***NOES:*** 0

***EXCUSED:***

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**BUDGET:** Courthouse Complex Capital

**FINANCE & AUDIT COMMITTEE HEARING DATE:** October 24, 2006

**CASSETTE NO. 21, SIDE A, 35-71**

**STAFF PRESENT:**

**County Board:** Steve Cady  
**Department of Administrative Services:** Steve Agostini  
Pamela Bryant  
**County Executive:** Ed Eberle

**APPEARANCES:** George Torres, Director, Department of Public Works  
Jack Takerian, Manager Facilities Management

**DISCUSSION**

The bathroom rehabs will be in the public restrooms starting on floors 4 through 7 of the courthouse.

***ACTION BY: (Mayo) Approve the three Courthouse Complex (WC) budgets as recommended by the County Executive. 7-0***

**AYES:** McCue, Coggs-Jones, Mayo, Johnson, Broderick, West & Nyklewicz (Chair) – 7

**NOES:** 0

**EXCUSED:**

*Carol Mueller*

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**BUDGET:** House of Correction Capital

**FINANCE & AUDIT COMMITTEE HEARING DATE:** October 24, 2006

**CASSETTE NO. 21, SIDE A, 71-81**

**STAFF PRESENT:**

**County Board:** Steve Cady  
**Department of Administrative Services:** Steve Agostini  
Pamela Bryant  
**County Executive:** Ed Eberle

***ACTION BY: (Mayo) Approve the two House of Correction (WJ) budgets as recommended by the County Executive. 7-0***

***AYES:*** McCue, Coggs-Jones, Mayo, Johnson, Broderick, West & Nyklewicz (Chair) – 7

***NOES:*** 0

***EXCUSED:***

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**BUDGET:** Other County Agencies Capital

**FINANCE & AUDIT COMMITTEE HEARING DATE:** October 24, 2006

**CASSETTE NO. 21, SIDE A, 81-408**

**SIDE B, 297-333**

**SIDE B, 353-381**

**STAFF PRESENT:**

**County Board:** Steve Cady  
**Department of Administrative Services:** Steve Agostini  
Pamela Bryant  
**County Executive:** Ed Eberle

**APPEARANCES:** Bud Borja, Chief Information Office, IMSD  
Paul Matthews, Director, Performing Arts Center

**DISCUSSION**

Votes on each project were taken individually except as noted. Minimal discussions took place. These are noted with the respective project.

***ACTION BY: (Broderick) Approve the WO021 budget as recommended by the County Executive. 6-1***

***AYES:*** Coggs-Jones, Mayo, Johnson, Broderick, West & Nyklewicz (Chair) – 6

***NOES:*** McCue-1

***EXCUSED:***

***ACTION BY: (Mayo) Approve the WO044 budget as recommended by the County Executive. 7-0***

***AYES:*** McCue, Coggs-Jones, Mayo, Johnson, Broderick, West & Nyklewicz (Chair) – 7

***NOES:*** None

***EXCUSED:***

***ACTION BY: (McCue) Approve the WO045 budget as recommended by the County Executive. 7-0***

***AYES:*** McCue, Coggs-Jones, Mayo, Johnson, Broderick, West & Nyklewicz (Chair) – 7

***NOES:*** None

***EXCUSED:***

Amendment 1B024 language will cover Airport Fleet projects also. Mr. Cady read the language that would be inserted at the beginning of the Airport Capital project narratives as presented in this amendment.

*Supervisors McCue, Johnson, Broderick and West asked for unanimous consent to be added as co-sponsors to amendment 1B024, there being no objection it was so ordered.*

**AMENDMENT BY SUPERVISORS NYKLEWICZ, McCUE, JOHNSON, BRODERICK & WEST**, 1B024 (Copy attached to the original of these minutes.) To amend the County Executive's 2007 Recommended Capital Improvements Budget by inserting the following language relating to Airport projects into the narrative:

"In light of the pending recommendations of the State Legislative Council Special Committee on Airport Authorities, and support by others to transfer governance of General Mitchell International Airport to a separate unelected body, the projects contained in the 2007 Capital Improvements Budget related to Airport operations (including L.J. Timmerman Field) will be reexamined prior to the issuance of new debt. The purpose of the review is to ensure that the proposed structure of the debt issuance related to Airport Improvement projects provides adequate safeguards to the County in case of a mandated transfer of governance to a separate body. Milwaukee County has a fiduciary responsibility to ensure that it will be reimbursed for all debt issued on behalf of the Airport. To the extent that these financial safeguards cannot be provided, new debt for Airport Capital projects will not be sought.

This amendment would result in a zero net tax levy impact.

***ACTION BY: (McCue) Approve the above amendment 1B0024. 7-0***

***AYES:*** McCue, Coggs-Jones, Mayo, Johnson, Broderick, West & Nyklewicz (Chair) – 7

***NOES:*** None

***ACTION BY: (McCue) Approve the WO112 budget as amended. 7-0***

***AYES:*** McCue, Coggs-Jones, Mayo, Johnson, Broderick, West & Nyklewicz (Chair) – 7

***NOES:*** None

***EXCUSED:***

**AMENDMENT BY SUPERVISOR WHITE**, (1B009) (Copy attached to the original of these minutes.) To amend the County Executive's 2007 Recommended Capital Improvements Budget for WO112 – Fleet Equipment Acquisition, by amending the following language:

An appropriation of \$2,498,000, including \$41,900 in capitalized interest, is budgeted for replacement equipment. Financing is being provided by \$33,500 in investment earnings, \$1,264,500 in general obligation bonds, and ~~\$1,200,000~~ \$1,922,000 in Passenger Facility Change (PFC) revenue.

NOTE: this amendment will add 4 plows and one stake truck to the schedule that is provided on page 183 of the 2007 Capital Improvements Budget.

This amendment would increase passenger facility charges by \$722,000. The airlines have approved this project.

***ACTION BY: (Mayo) Approve the above amendment 1B009. 7-0***

***AYES:*** McCue, Coggs-Jones, Mayo, Johnson, Broderick, West & Nyklewicz (Chair) – 7

***NOES:*** None

This project improves the automation of the fiscal reports in Capital and initiatives from other departments that are revenue generators to go paperless. This helps eliminate the need for IMSD to print monthly reports, thereby realizing savings.

***ACTION BY: (Mayo) Approve the WO205 budget as recommended by the County Executive. 7-0***

***AYES:*** McCue, Coggs-Jones, Mayo, Johnson, Broderick, West & Nyklewicz (Chair) – 7

***NOES:*** None

***EXCUSED:***

***ACTION BY: (Broderick) Approve the WO209 budget as recommended by the County Executive. 7-0***

***AYES:*** McCue, Coggs-Jones, Mayo, Johnson, Broderick, West & Nyklewicz (Chair) – 7

***NOES:*** None

***EXCUSED:***

***ACTION BY: (West) Approve the WO411 budget as recommended by the County Executive. 7-0***

***AYES:*** McCue, Coggs-Jones, Mayo, Johnson, Broderick, West & Nyklewicz (Chair) – 7

***NOES:*** None

***EXCUSED:***

*Supervisors Coggs-Jones, Mayo, Broderick, West, Johnson and McCue asked for unanimous consent to be added as co-sponsors to amendment 1B023, there being no objection it was so ordered.*

**AMENDMENT BY SUPERVISORS NYKLEWICZ, COGGS-JONES, MAYO, BRODERICK, WEST, JOHNSON AND McCUE, (1B023)** (Copy attached to the original of these minutes.)  
To amend the County Executive's 2007 Recommended Capital Improvements Budget for WO423, Security Cameras in CJF, by providing \$50,000 in general obligation bond financing to expand the initiative to include inmate holding bullpens located in the Courthouse complex.

This amendment would result in a zero net tax levy impact.

***ACTION BY: (Mayo) Approve the above amendment 1B0023. 7-0***

***AYES:*** McCue, Coggs-Jones, Mayo, Johnson, Broderick, West & Nyklewicz (Chair) – 7

***NOES:*** None

***ACTION BY: (Mayo) Approve the WO423 budget as amended. 7-0***

***AYES:*** McCue, Coggs-Jones, Mayo, Johnson, Broderick, West & Nyklewicz (Chair) – 7

***NOES:*** None

***EXCUSED:***

***ACTION BY: (Mayo) Approve the WO425 budget as recommended by the County Executive. 7-0***

***AYES:*** McCue, Coggs-Jones, Mayo, Johnson, Broderick, West & Nyklewicz (Chair) – 7

***NOES:*** None

***EXCUSED:***

***ACTION BY: (Mayo) Approve the WO500 & WO503 budgets as recommended by the County Executive. 7-0***

***AYES:*** McCue, Coggs-Jones, Mayo, Johnson, Broderick, West & Nyklewicz (Chair) – 7

***NOES:*** None

***EXCUSED:***

This project is to replace the servers, routers and switches currently being used in the courthouse infrastructure. External mail with return notices stating "Policy Reasons" was discussed. There have been no policy changes. The problems with our external email have been corrected.



***ACTION BY: (Johnson) Approve the WO601 budget as recommended by the County Executive. 7-0***

***AYES:*** McCue, Coggs-Jones, Mayo, Johnson, Broderick, West & Nyklewicz (Chair) – 7

***NOES:*** None

***EXCUSED:***

This project will improve communication within the Courthouse. This includes the top floors of the courthouse network wiring to provide better service for the Courts. The project will take six to eight months to complete. The work will be done nights and weekends.

***ACTION BY: (Mayo) Approve the WO606 budget as recommended by the County Executive. 7-0***

***AYES:*** McCue, Coggs-Jones, Mayo, Johnson, Broderick, West & Nyklewicz (Chair) – 7

***NOES:*** None

***EXCUSED:***

***ACTION BY: (Mayo) Approve the WO608 budget as recommended by the County Executive. 7-0***

***AYES:*** McCue, Coggs-Jones, Mayo, Johnson, Broderick, West & Nyklewicz (Chair) – 7

***NOES:*** None

***EXCUSED:***

***ACTION BY: (Mayo) Approve the WO609 budget as recommended by the County Executive. 7-0***

***AYES:*** McCue, Coggs-Jones, Mayo, Johnson, Broderick, West & Nyklewicz (Chair) – 7

***NOES:*** None

***EXCUSED:***

***ACTION BY: (Coggs-Jones) Approve the WO611 budget as recommended by the County Executive. 7-0***

***AYES:*** McCue, Coggs-Jones, Mayo, Johnson, Broderick, West & Nyklewicz (Chair) – 7

***NOES:*** None

***EXCUSED:***

Project WO612 will provide for applications, that use high traffic to get to different buildings and speed up the process. This will help the medical EMR system used in the Jail and HOC.

***ACTION BY: (McCue) Approve the WO612 budget as recommended by the County Executive. 7-0***

***AYES:*** McCue, Coggs-Jones, Mayo, Johnson, Broderick, West & Nyklewicz (Chair) – 7

***NOES:*** None

***EXCUSED:***

Mr. Mathews thanked the Committee for their support of their Capital Projects and the Committee's efforts to restore the five percent funding.

***ACTION BY: (Mayo) Approve the WO870 budget as recommended by the County Executive. 7-0***

***AYES:*** McCue, Coggs-Jones, Mayo, Johnson, Broderick, West & Nyklewicz (Chair) – 7

***NOES:*** None

***EXCUSED:***

***ACTION BY: (Mayo) Approve both WO887 & WO888 budgets as recommended by the County Executive. 7-0***

***AYES:*** McCue, Coggs-Jones, Mayo, Johnson, Broderick, West & Nyklewicz (Chair) – 7

***NOES:*** None

***EXCUSED:***

***ACTION BY: (Coggs-Jones) Refer amendment 1B019 back to County Board Staff and DAS to develop additional language and flexibility for use of these funds regarding private, profit and not for profit organizations for housing in this area. 7-0***

***AYES:*** McCue, Coggs-Jones, Mayo, Johnson, Broderick, West & Nyklewicz (Chair) – 7

***NOES:*** None

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**BUDGET:** Airports Capital

**FINANCE & AUDIT COMMITTEE HEARING DATE:** October 24, 2006

**CASSETTE NO. 21, SIDE A, 425-EOT**

**SIDE B, 01- 276**

**STAFF PRESENT:**

**County Board:** Steve Cady  
**Department of Administrative Services:** Steve Agostini  
Pamela Bryant  
**County Executive:** Ed Eberle

**APPEARANCES:** Barry Bateman, Director, General Mitchell International Airport (GMIA)  
George Torres, Director, Department of Public Works  
Craig Reimer, Director of Properties, Midwest Express Airlines (MWE)  
County Board Chairman, Lee Holloway  
Supervisor James White, District 1

**DISCUSSION**

As a reminder, Amendment 1B024 affects all Capital Airport projects. The Airport Director agreed that the amendment safeguards the citizens of Milwaukee County. All recommended projects get reviewed by the airlines and approved for inclusion into the budget. With the current process, the airlines have a great deal of input into approving the projects selected for the budget. MWE has a very good working relationship with Milwaukee County.

A discussion on the reasoning for support of an airport authority ensued. The representative was not able to answer the questions posed by this Committee. Each airline can be contacted individually. The contact for MWE is Carol Skornicka. Congratulations were given to MWE on their success. Recent stock market rates were almost \$9 a share. This is in light of the bailout of MWE by Milwaukee County after 911 when shares were below \$1.

There is an overall disappointment with MWE for their support of an airport authority. Additionally, the negotiations on the airport authority were taking place behind closed doors when MWE was asking Milwaukee County, not the State, to issue bonds to avoid bankruptcy.

One issue MWE used for support of the airport authority is the County's fringe benefit rate. A workgroup was formed to discuss the methodology used for the 2007 and 2008 budgets. This group will review the methodology to see if it is the appropriate rate and accurately reflects our cost of doing business. There is a desire, willingness and openness by this County Board to continue to work with the airlines. This is for the benefit of the citizens of Milwaukee County, Southeastern Wisconsin and the State of Wisconsin to make this airport work for the people that we represent.

The manner in which the airlines have pursued the airport authority, secretly with the legislature without involvement of policy maker of this County Board is an insult. This has resulted in hostility toward the proposal of the airport authority advanced by the airlines. There is no reason or basis for this to move forward.

The airlines have not discussed arbitrage penalties. Arbitrage penalties last year for Airport projects totaled \$325,000.

County Board Chairman Holloway addressed the Committee. There was resistance within the Finance Committee to bail out a private corporation. During the discussions of the bail out with MWE they were, behind our back, in negotiations to taking the Airport away from Milwaukee County. In a cost analysis of other airports we are in the lower bottom.

The Chairman feels that Ms. Skonicka should have appeared today showing us her support and maybe an apology for the role they played in the airport authority. He extended an invitation for Ms. Skonicka to appear before this Committee to answer questions on their part in the airport authority negotiations. He also requested a letter from MWE withdrawing their support for the airport authority. Supervisor Nyklewicz suggested another letter be sent to all the airlines at GMIA asking for their support of the airport authority be withdrawn.

***ACTION BY: (McCue) Approve all the Airport (WA) projects as amended except WA104. 7-0***

***AYES:*** McCue, Coggs-Jones, Mayo, Johnson, Broderick, West & Nyklewicz (Chair) – 7

***NOES:*** 0

***EXCUSED***

The Committee was informed of a letter from the FAA, sent three to four weeks ago, on the ineligibility of project WA014 for PFC revenue funding.

***ACTION BY: (McCue) Deny approval of Capital Budget WA014 as recommended by the County Executive. 7-0***

***AYES:*** McCue, Coggs-Jones, Mayo, Johnson, Broderick, West & Nyklewicz (Chair) – 7

***NOES:*** 0

***EXCUSED:***

***NOTE: The above action results in rejection of the County Executive's recommendation and will be included in Amendment No. 1.***

Amendments 1B010 through 1B017 include projects that were requested by the Airport but were not included in the County Executive's Recommended budget. Mr. Agostini has a problem with the management of the Airport regarding the timeliness of communications and project management. On a monthly basis fund transfers are requested to amend project schedules, bid projects properly or redo the entire capital budget. This process is like the Airport having a free floating budget. This process does not serve the Board or the public properly. There is no ability to track this.

Airport management takes issue with this assessment. They are willing to review all projects as they have done in the past, in regards to the management and funding of the projects. They would like to share the details with the Finance Committee.

DAS recommends adding County Board staff to this review on a monthly basis. They will see changes made monthly for fund transfers, scope and bid costs.

Supervisor White asked that we not mix the two issues. There are processes and policies in place to address management issues. These projects were approved and requested by the airlines. They were taken off the table by the County Executive and DAS.

**Supervisor McCue directed County Board Staff, DAS, Audit and Airport Management to meet to put together an oversight package for a plan to ensure capital projects are completed on a timely basis and avoid arbitrage penalties.**

Ms. Bryant stated that currently there are 34 active Airport projects totaling \$55 million. There are concerns regarding bond proceeds outstanding and compliance in regards to arbitrage. Two large amounts for the construction of the C and D concourses can be expected due to the nature of these projects. The concerns relayed to the airport are volume, bond and expenditure targets and balancing the projects overall.

Supervisor White requested the motion to layover these amendment be reconsidered. The oversight package can be completed without holding up approval of these. Because of the increased use of GMIA the projects included in these amendments are needed.

Supervisor McCue did not withdraw his motion.

Bonds are issued in the name of DAS, not the Airport. DAS has a fiscal responsibility to the investors. There needs to be responsibility on the part of the Airport. A material note needs to be made to disclose certain revenue projections at the Airport. Mr. Agostini relayed this verbally and was asked by Supervisor Nyklewicz to follow up in writing to the Committee. The projections on the revenue that is necessary on the payment of bonds were incorrect. The coverage ratio which is the amount of revenue that can be generated to cover debt, is lower than one and a half times as expected. This was caught before bonds were issued. It might have some implications for prior disclosure. The County will have to make this material disclosure this afternoon to the rating agencies.

***ACTION BY: (McCue) Layover Airport amendments 1B010 through 1B017 until 10/26/06. A report from staff relative to the Capital capacity for the Airport to manage its capital projects. The report is due back to the Committee prior to closing the budget. 7-0***

***AYES:*** McCue, Coggs-Jones, Mayo, Johnson, Broderick, West & Nyklewicz (Chair) – 7

***NOES:*** 0

***EXCUSED***

*Carol Mueller*

Carol Mueller Committee Clerk  
Committee on Finance and Audit

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**BUDGET:** Parks, Recreation and Culture Capital

**FINANCE & AUDIT COMMITTEE HEARING DATE:** October 24, 2006

**CASSETTE NO. 21, SIDE A, 410-419**

**STAFF PRESENT:**

**County Board:** Steve Cady  
**Department of Administrative Services:** Steve Agostini  
Pamela Bryant  
**County Executive:** Ed Eberle

**APPEARANCES:** Sue Black, Director Parks  
Supervisor Luigi Schmitt, District 19

**AMENDMENT BY SUPERVISORS SCHMITT AND DE BRUIN**, (1B0018) (Corrected copy attached to these original minutes.) To amend the County Executive's 2007 Recommended Capital Improvements Budget by deleting the language on page 12 – Potential Capital Initiatives, as follows:

"Hoyt Park Pool: A community organization has been fund-raising to reconstruct Hoyt Park Pool. The County supports this privately funded initiative and will proceed with construction once those funds are raised ~~and deposited with the county.~~"

***ACTION BY: (Mayo) Approve the above amendment 1B0018. 6-1***

***AYES:*** McCue, Coggs-Jones, Mayo, Johnson, West & Nyklewicz (Chair) – 6

***NOES:*** Broderick - 1

***EXCUSED:***

*Carol Mueller*

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**BUDGET:** Transit Capital

**FINANCE & AUDIT COMMITTEE HEARING DATE:** October 24, 2006

**CASSETTE NO. 21, SIDE B, 391-473**

**STAFF PRESENT:**

**County Board:** Steve Cady  
**Department of Administrative Services:** Steve Agostini  
Pamela Bryant  
**County Executive:** Ed Eberle

**APPEARANCES:** Ken Warren, President, Managing Director MCTS

**DISCUSSION:**

These projects were requested but not included in the recommended budget. The total 20% cost to the County on these five amendments is \$202,680. These funds are not new federal dollars but existing available funds. All are Milwaukee County dollars.

**AMENDMENT BY SUPERVISOR WHITE**, (1B004) (Copy attached to the original of these minutes.) To amend the County Executive's 2007 Recommended Capital Improvements Budget for WT30601 – Oil Interceptor – Fiebrantz Washhouse, by adding the following language:

An appropriation of \$235,000 is budgeted for the replacement of an oil interceptor system at the Fiebrantz Washhouse. The federal share of this project will be \$188,000 and the County share will be \$47,000, financed by general obligation bonds.

A below-grade oil interceptor currently exists at the south end of the Fiebrantz Washhouse. The system collects oil and water runoff from buses during the cleaning and fueling process. Oil flows to an underground storage tank located outside the washhouse where a private contractor pumps it out. Non-contaminated water flows into the sanitary sewer. The unit's age has been estimated at over 45 years old.

Given the existing system's age and visible deterioration, it is recommended that the interceptor, holding tank and piping be replaced with a modern oil/water separator similar to the unit recently installed at the Fond du Lac garage.

This amendment would increase general obligation bonding by \$47,000.



**AMENDMENT BY SUPERVISOR WHITE, (1B005)** (Copy attached to the original of these minutes.) To amend the County Executive's 2007 Recommended Capital Improvements Budget for WT30101 – Diesel pump and UST piping - Fiebrantz, by adding the following language:

An appropriation of \$150,000 is budgeted for the replacement of the diesel pump and underground storage tank piping at the MCTS Fiebrantz Operating Garage. The federal share of this project will be \$120,000 and the county share will be \$30,000, financed by general obligation bonds.

The current diesel pump, underground storage tank and piping system at Fiebrantz Garage is over 25 years old. Based on experience with similar underground systems throughout the County, there is concern over the unit's integrity. Should a leak develop, diesel product will contaminate the ground and the County will be subject to fines from the EPA.

As part of this project it is recommended that an additional pump and containment tank be installed. The second unit would add redundancy preventing ground contamination and fueling downtime in case the primary system fails. Currently, over 100 buses must be transported to another MCTS garage if the present pump fails. The diesel pump failed twice during the last half of 2005, resulting in repair costs and downtime to fuel buses at another garage.

This amendment would increase general obligation bonding by \$30,000.

**AMENDMENT BY SUPERVISOR WHITE, (1B006)** (Copy attached to the original of these minutes.) To amend the County Executive's 2007 Recommended Capital Improvements Budget for WT03601 – Replace Voice Response Unit MCTS Info Center, by adding the following language:

An appropriation of \$178,400 is budgeted for the upgrade of the Voice Response Unit (VRU) at the MCTS Information Center. The federal share of this project will be \$142,720 and the County share will be \$35,680, financed by general obligation bonds.

The transit system's VRU handles approximately 75 percent of over 3,000 calls per day at the MCTS Information Center. Operation on an Intel 486 CPU, the unit was state-of-the-art in 1996. However, due to its age, both hardware and software replacement components are difficult to find. The version of the Oracle database on the VRU is no longer supported by Oracle. System repairs have been averaging approximately \$30,000 per year. In the very near future, replacement components will no longer be available and a critical failure could result in the entire system being down permanently requiring staff expansion to manually answer calls at greater operating cost.

It is recommended that the entire Voice Response Unit be replaced. The latest technological features include voice recognition, integrated fax and e-mail options (i.e. documents such as timetables could be faxed or e-mailed without human interaction).

This amendment would increase general obligation bonding by \$35,680.

**AMENDMENT BY SUPERVISOR WHITE**, (1B007) (Copy attached to the original of these minutes.) To amend the County Executive's 2007 Recommended Capital Improvements Budget for WT30001 – Roof top air handling unit, by adding the following language:

An appropriation of \$130,000 is budgeted for the replacement of the roof top air handling/air conditioning system at the MCTS Fond du Lac Garage Transportation Building. The federal share of this project will be \$104,000 and the County share will be \$26,000, financed by general obligation bonds.

The current air handling unit is over 28 years old, corroded and incapable of handling the demand placed on it during the cooling season. The unit required six separate repairs by MCTS staff and contractors in 2005 at a total cost of \$5,000. During the summer a garden hose/sprinkler is placed on the roof and used to aid the condenser in the transferring heat from the building.

The Fond du Lac Transportation Building has no windows that can be opened for ventilation. The manufacturer of the existing unit is no longer in business and repair parts are unavailable.

This amendment would increase general obligation bonding by \$26,000.

**AMENDMENT BY SUPERVISOR WHITE**, (1B008) (Copy attached to the original of these minutes.) To amend the County Executive's 2007 Recommended Capital Improvements Budget for WT30301 – HVAC Control System, by adding the following language:

An appropriation of \$320,000 is budgeted for the replacement of the Heating, Ventilation and Air Conditioning (HVAC) control systems at all MCTS facilities. The federal share of this project will be \$256,000 and the County share will be \$64,000, financed by general obligation bonds.

The first component of the present HVAC control system was installed at the Fiebrantz garage in 1987. Subsequent installations occurred at Administration and Fleet Maintenance in 1992, and the Kinnickinnic Garage in 1999. Technological advances in the industry have rendered all individual systems obsolete. Suppliers have indicated that replacement parts are being phased out and will not be available in the near future. Kinnickinnic and Fond du Lac transportation facilities do not have electronic control systems.

Modern HVAC control systems can be linked to the Internet or Intranets thereby allowing for multiple facility temperature control from one central location. Off-site programming capabilities will maximize efficiency and ultimately reduce unit costs. In addition, since new systems are non-proprietary, repair components can be obtained from multiple vendors at competitive prices.

New HVAC control systems are being requested for the MCTS Administration Building, Fleet Maintenance Facility, Downtown Transit Center, and Fiebrantz, Kinnickinnic and Fond du Lac Garage and Transportation Buildings.

This amendment would increase general obligation bonding by \$64,000.

***ACTION BY: (Mayo) Approve the above five amendments 1B004 through 1B008. 7-0***

***AYES:*** McCue, Coggs-Jones, Mayo, Johnson, Broderick, West & Nyklewicz (Chair) – 7

***NOES:*** 0

***EXCUSED:***

*Carol Mueller*

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